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RE: **IN OPPOSITION** OF Resolution 11-328
INITIATING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE CITY AND
COUNTY OF HONOLULU 1973, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC
TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Hearing Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2011 City Council Chambers

Dear Chair Martin, Vice Chair Anderson and Council Members;

For the Record my name is Kika G. Bukoski, testifying on behalf of Council President Reginald Castanares and the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. The Council is comprised of 16-construction trade unions and represents the interests of thousands of Hawaii's working men and women statewide.

The Council **STRONGLY OPPOSES** Resolution 11-328 initiating an amendment to the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973, as amended, relating to the Public Transit Authority.

The Council opposes any attempt to delay or prevent the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit from doing what the voters asked them to do on November 2, 2010. It is exactly one year from that date that we ask for your support in opposing this resolution that stands to pre-empt all the genuine efforts and progress made to date.

The Rail Project is not "just" about providing much-needed jobs to our members. The Rail Project is about hope for a better tomorrow...an advanced system of transportation that will enhance and support the continued growth and prosperity of our island community. Resolution 11-328 does nothing but undermine the vision and efforts of many who have stepped to the plate to provide real solutions to ongoing transportation concerns that will only continue to worsen if nothing is done. Please do not allow this resolution to go any further than today.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITION** of Resolution 11-328. Mahalo

Sincerely,


Kika G. Bukoski

Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council

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